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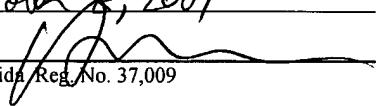
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please make the following change prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

**In the Drawings:**

Please replace the original Figures 6 and 7 with new Figures 6 and 7 enclosed herewith. The marked-up copies of new Figures 6 and 7 show the changes in red, and a letter to draftsman has also been attached.

**REMARKS**

After the entry of the current amendment, claims 1-32 will be pending in the above-identified patent application.

Figure 6 is amended to illustrate at each node of the optical network system, multiple transponders 1-1 as supported by the original disclosures at lines 16-17 of page